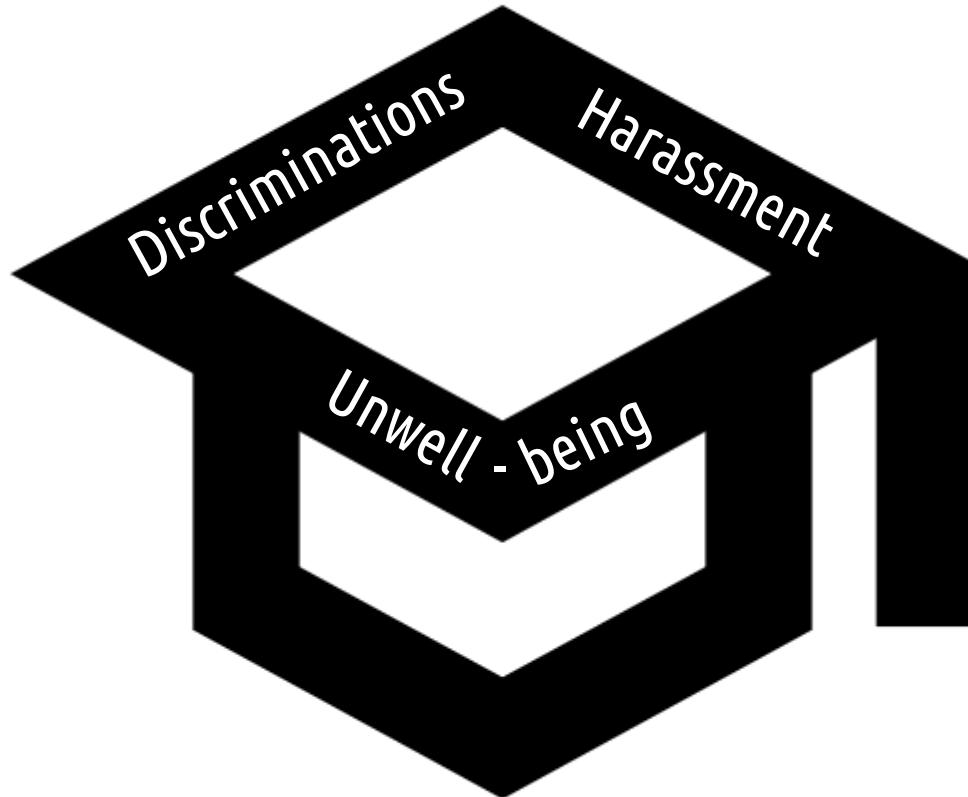


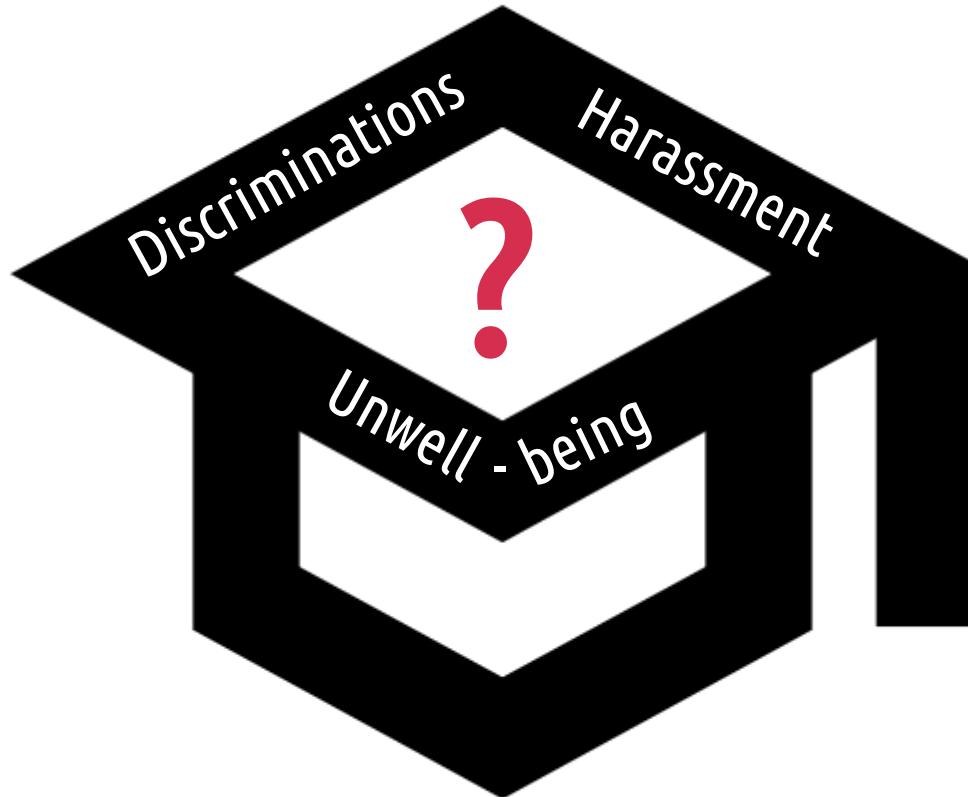
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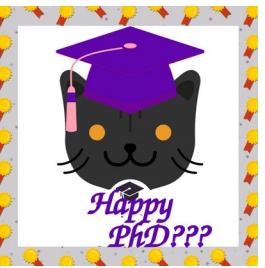
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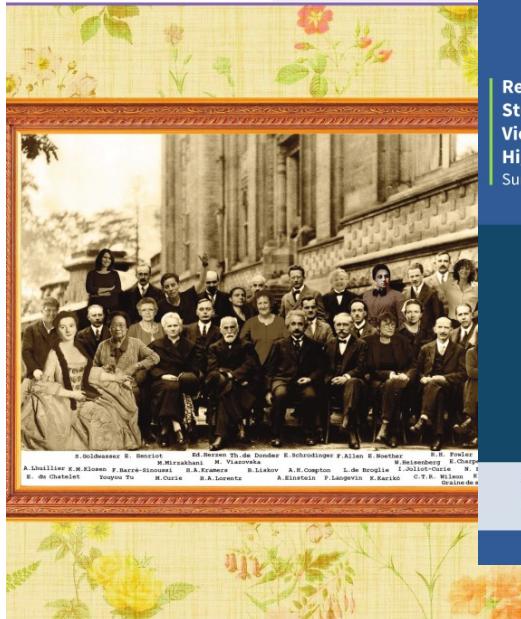
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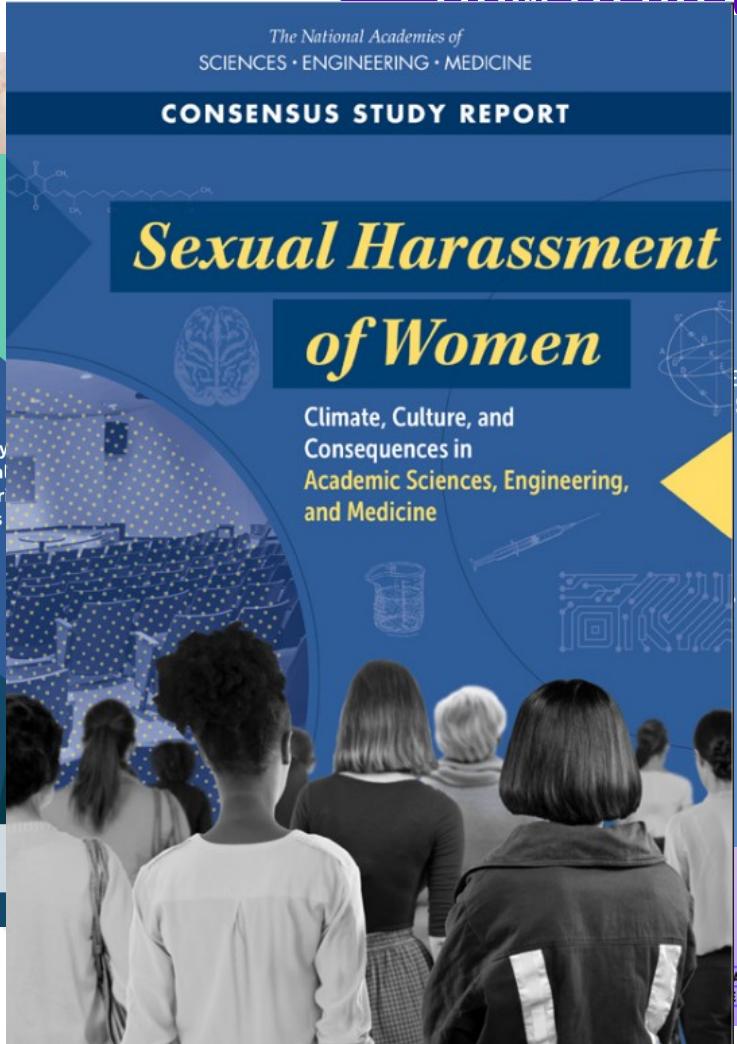


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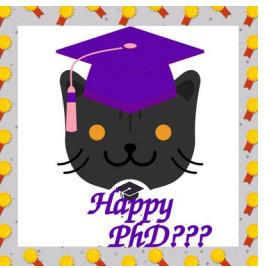
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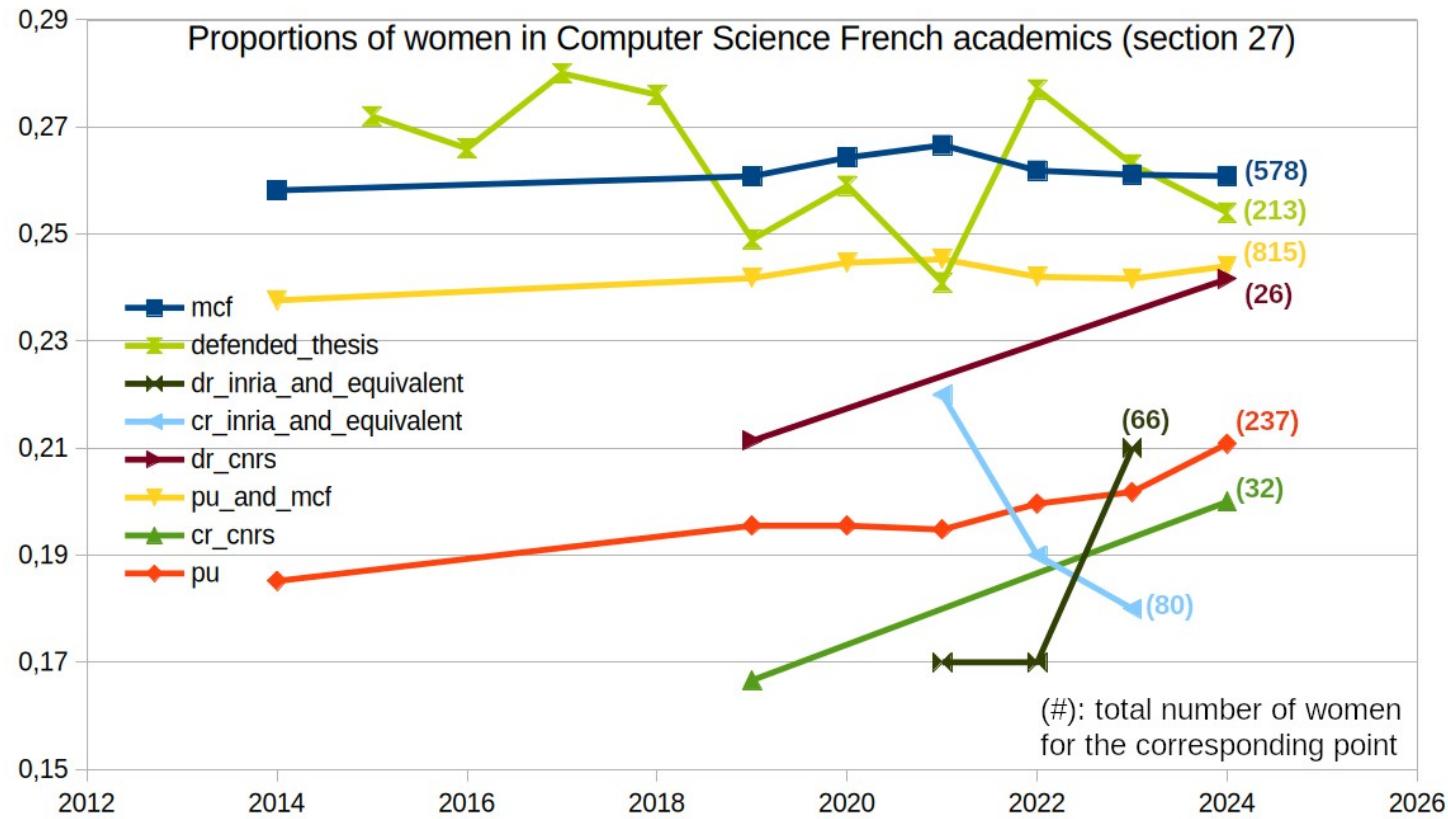
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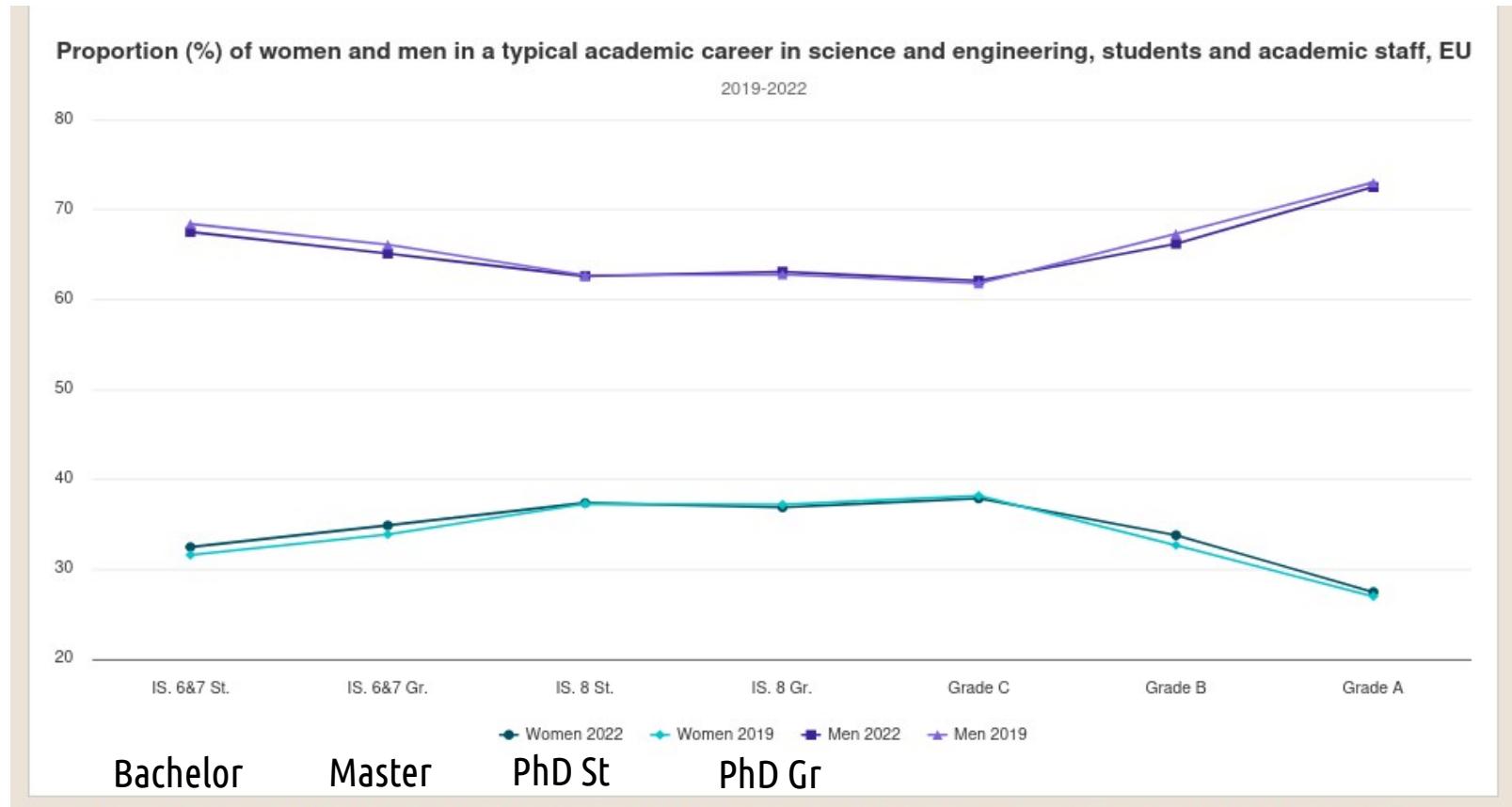
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→ Big lying belief sponge !

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Creates a « coherent »
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Change Blindness (using flicker)
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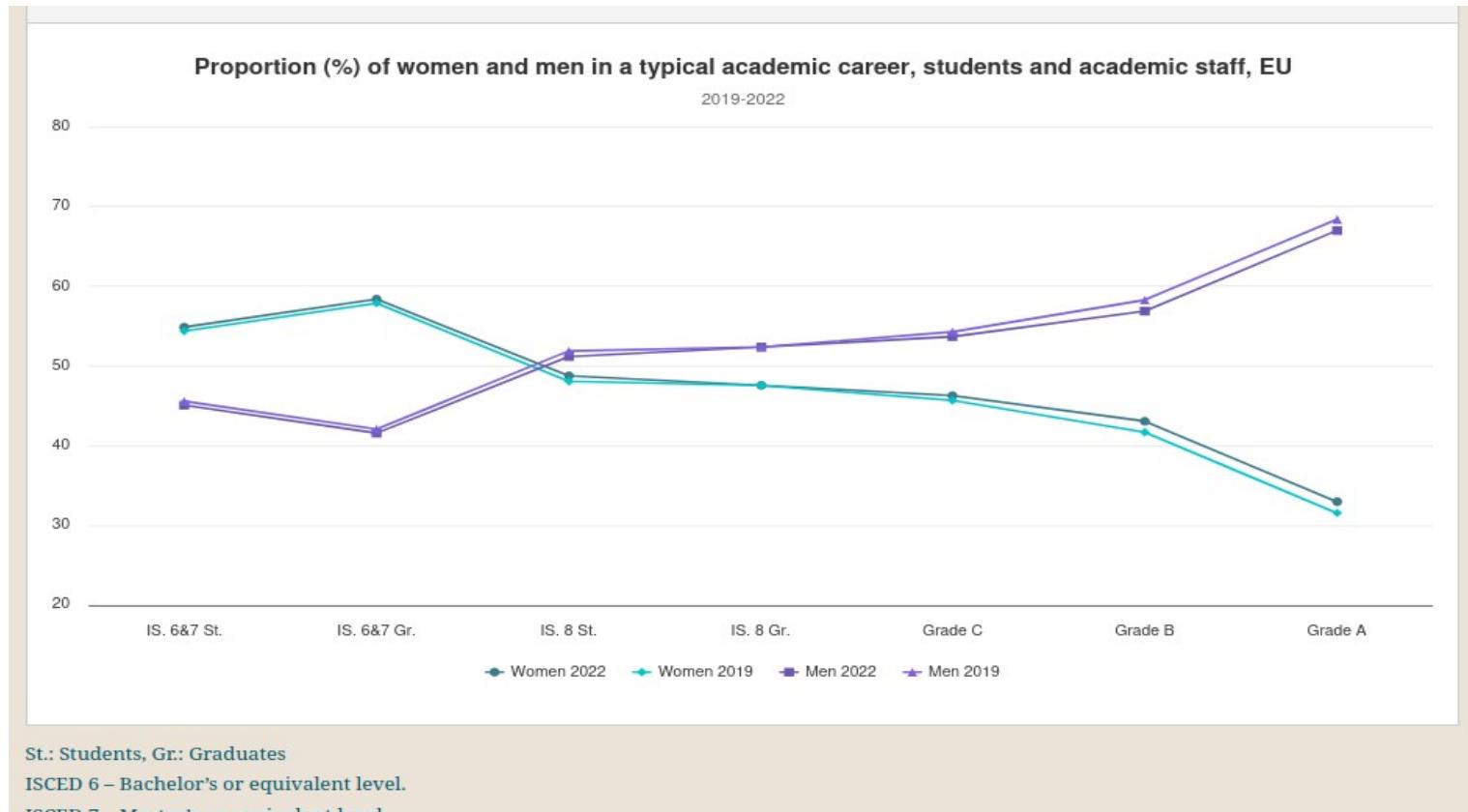
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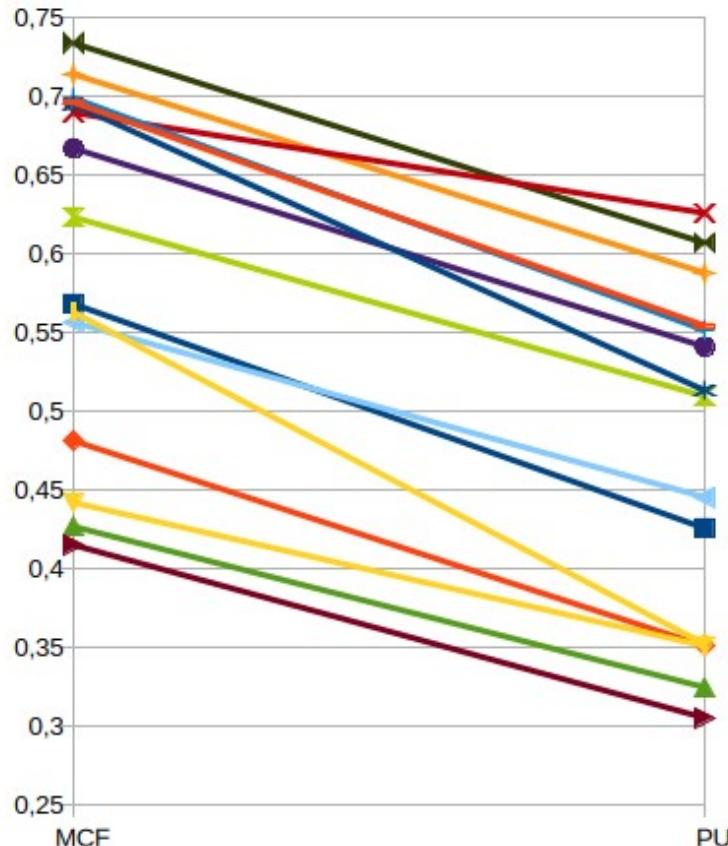
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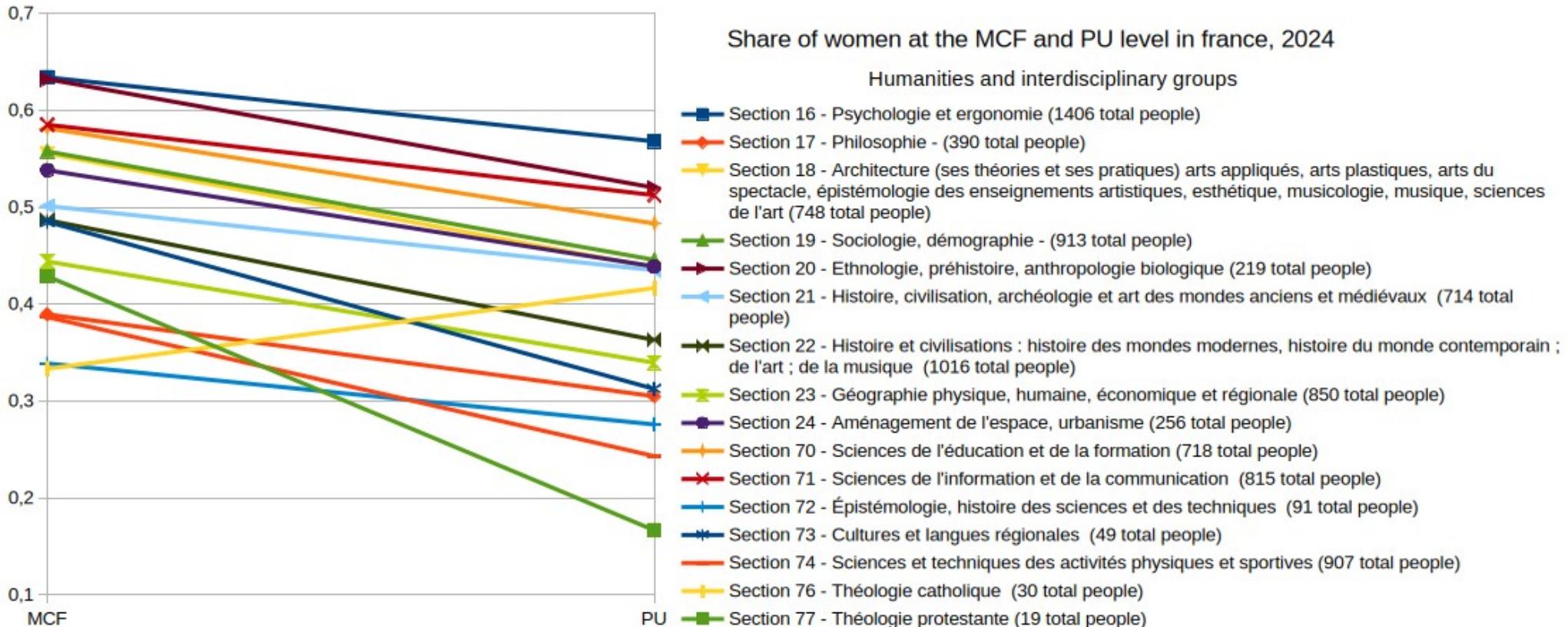
Share of women at the MCF and PU level in france, 2024

Right, Political sciences, language and litterature

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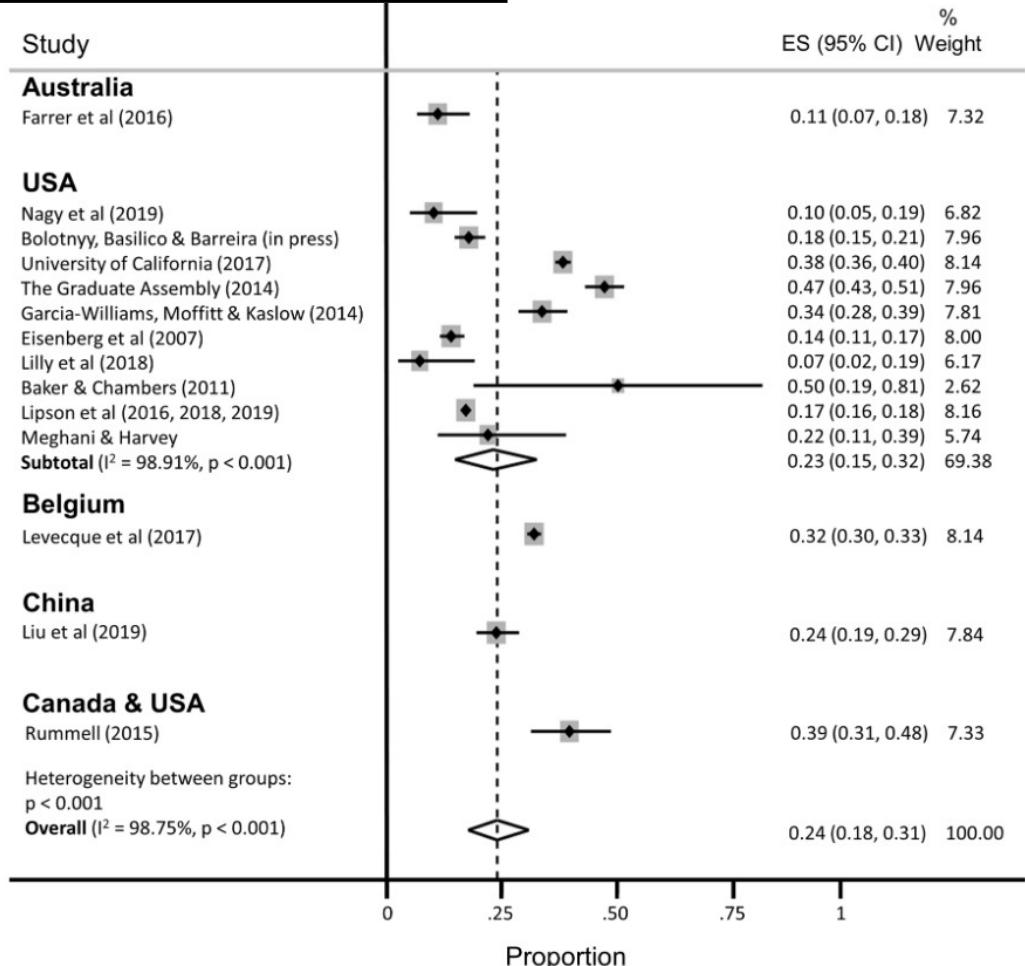
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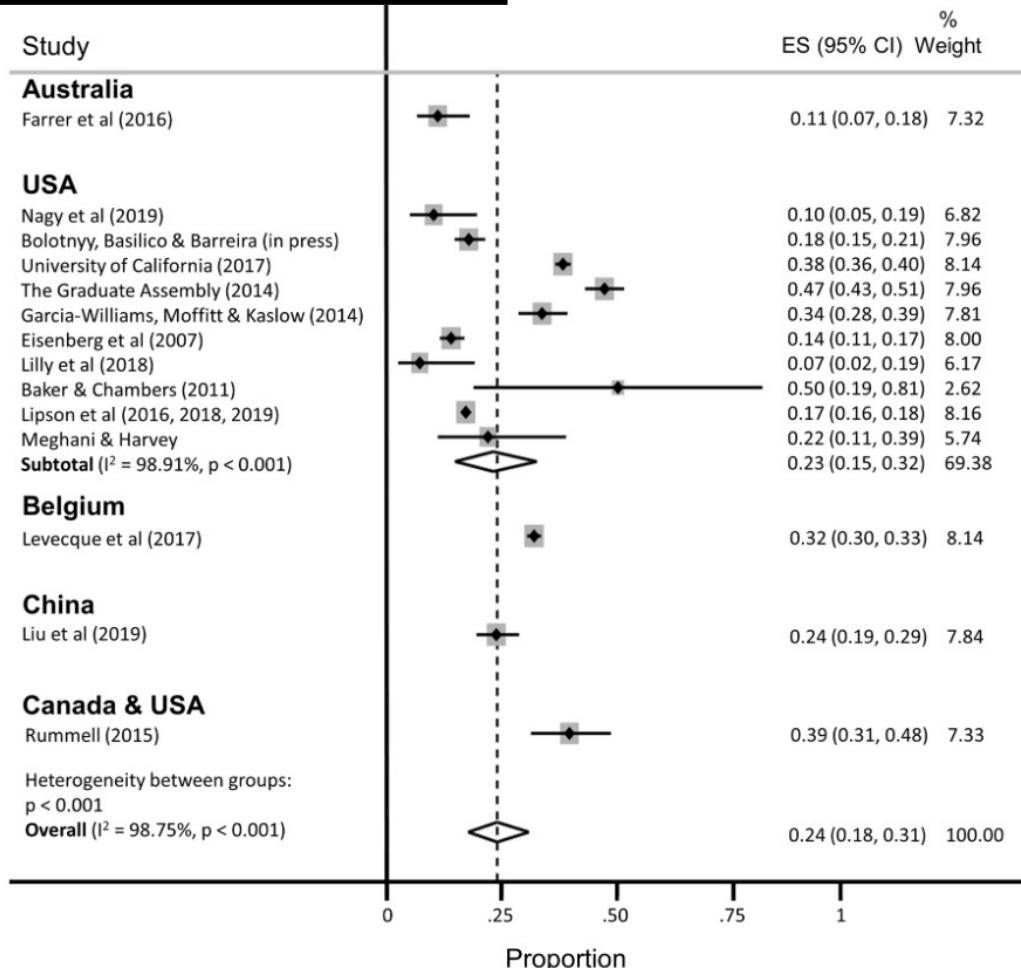
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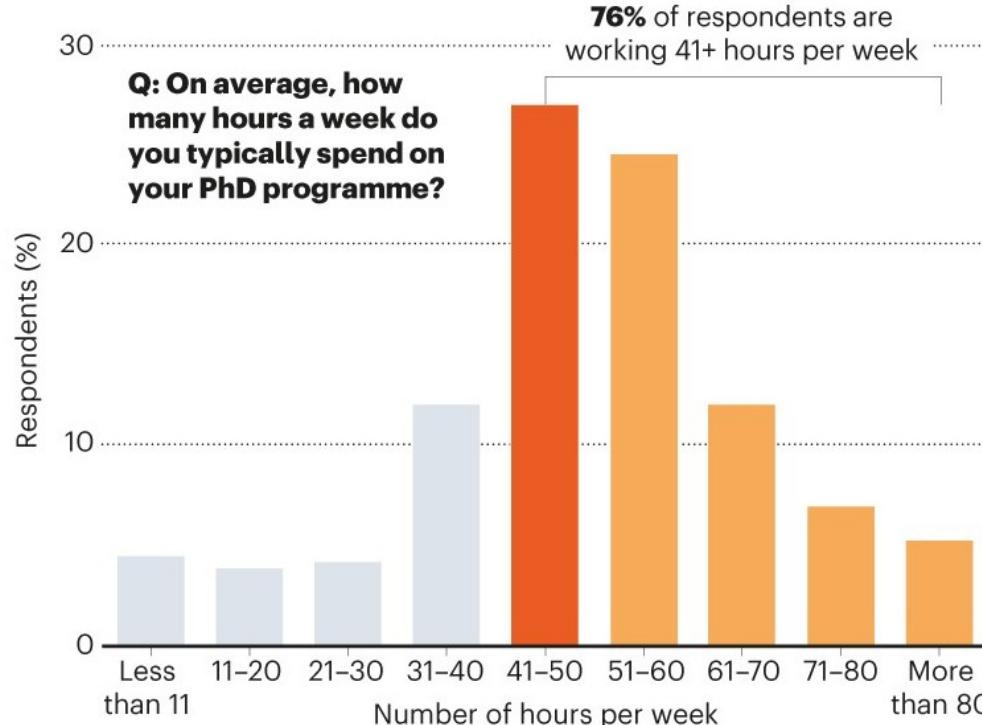
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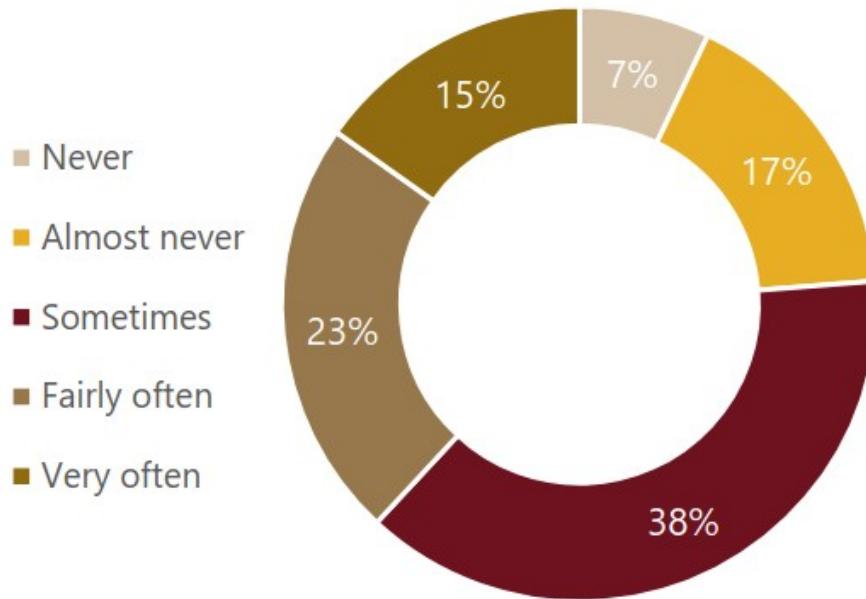




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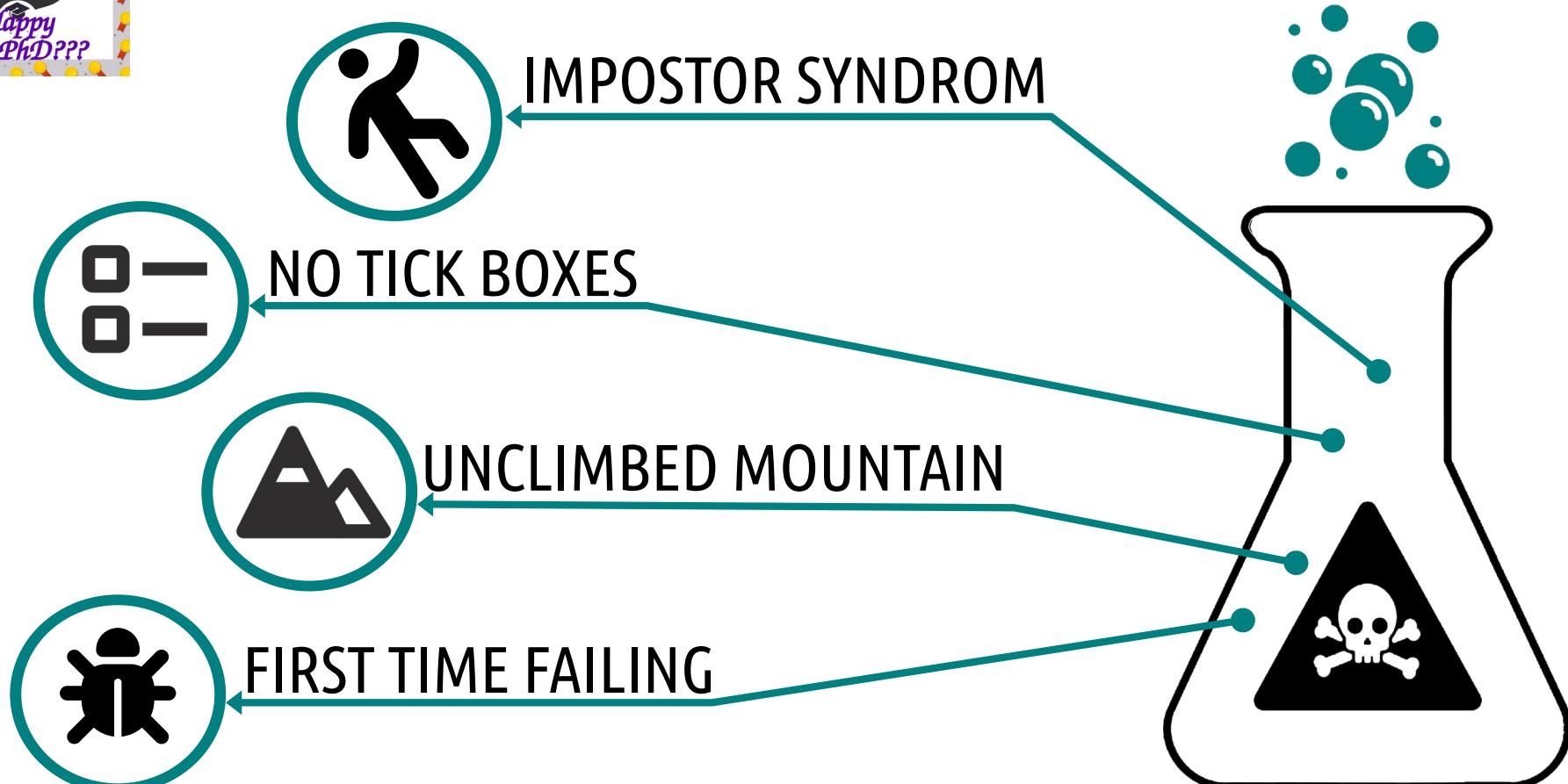
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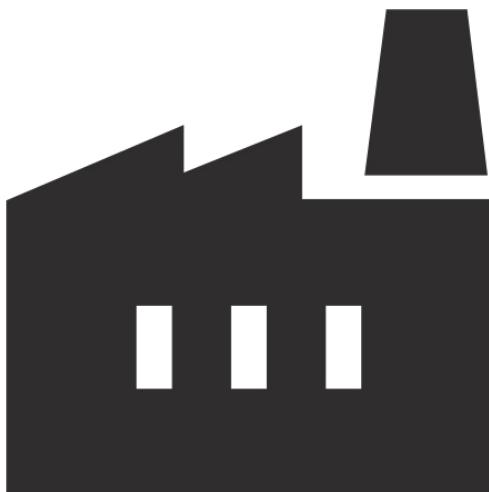
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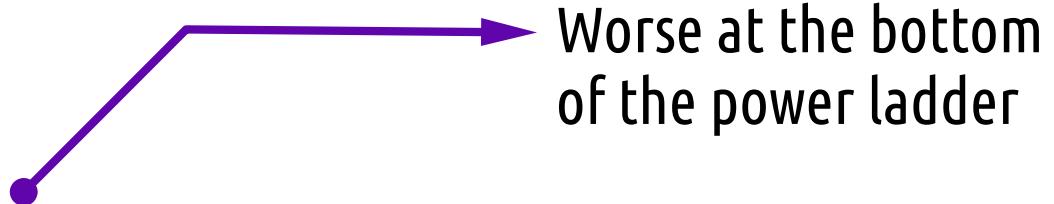
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Evidence of ongoing inequalities in the access to a higher status

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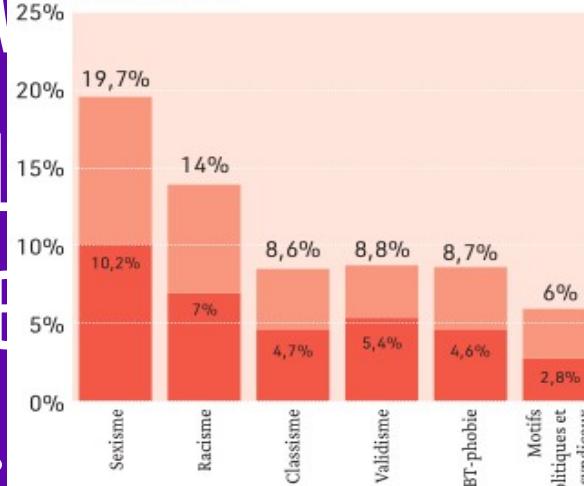
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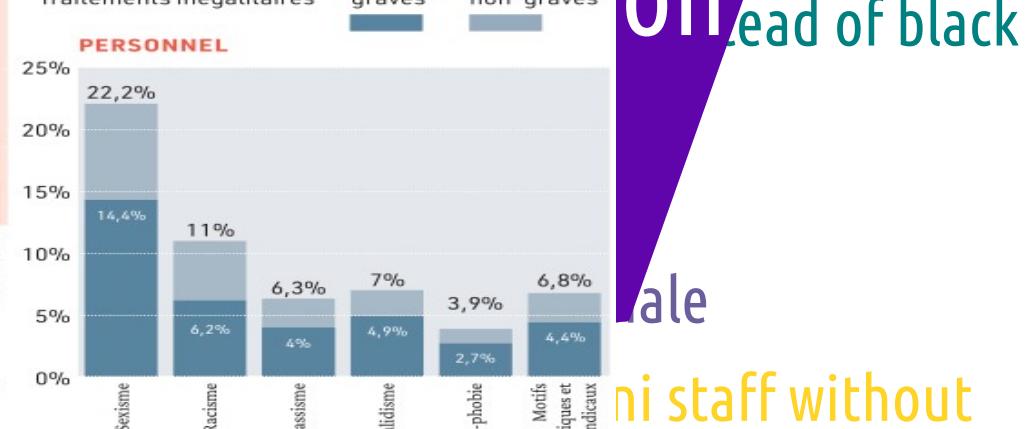
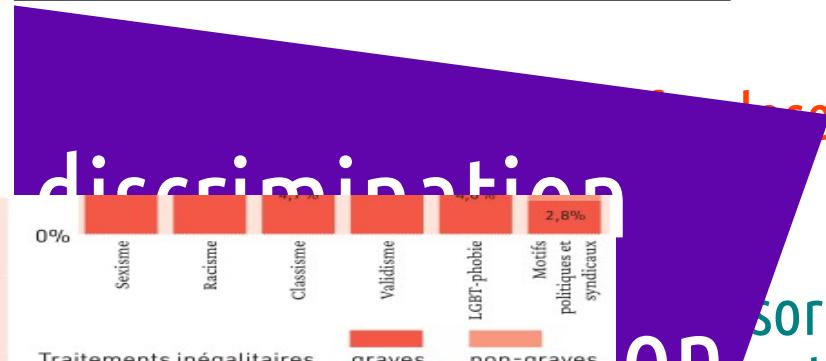
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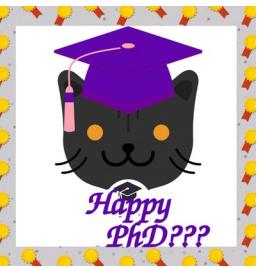
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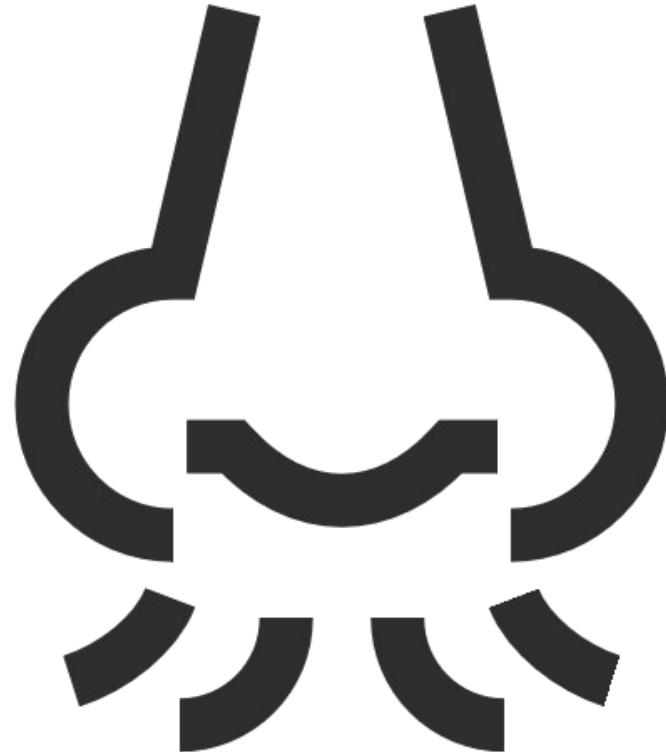
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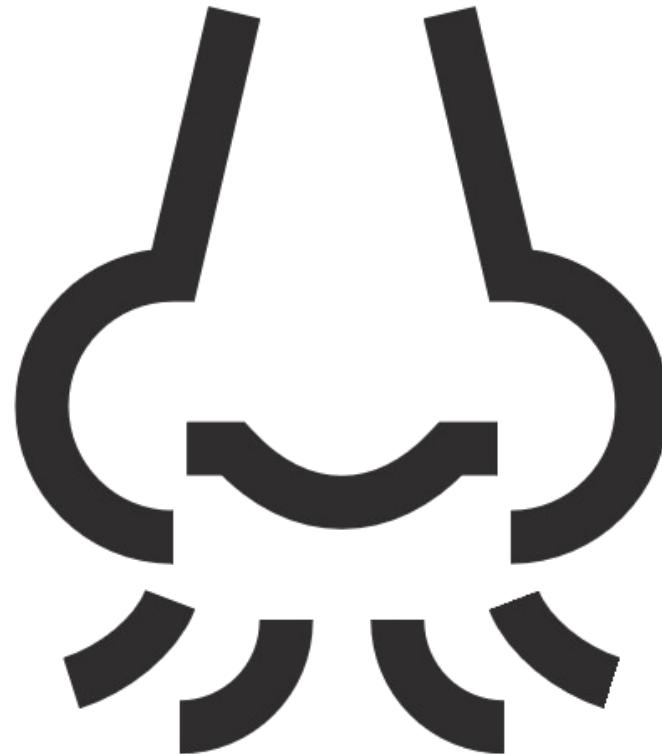


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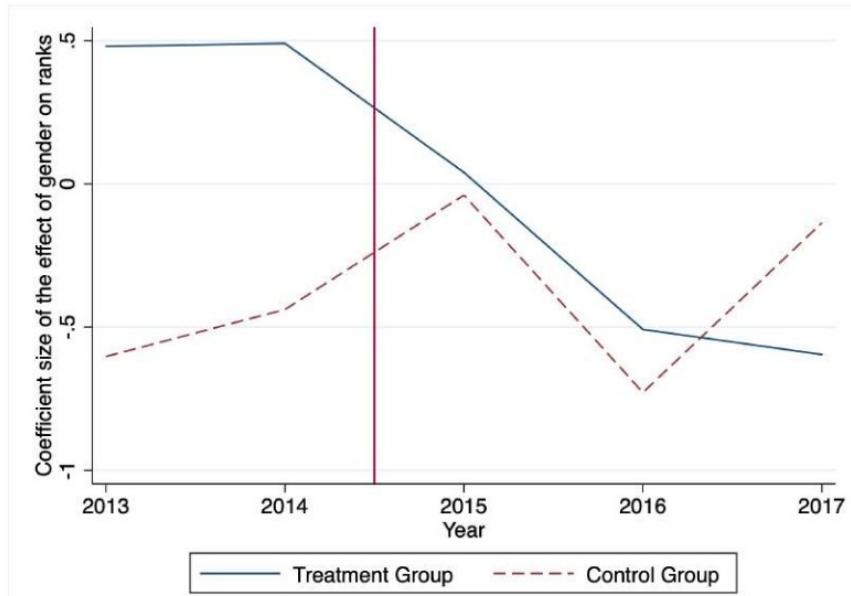
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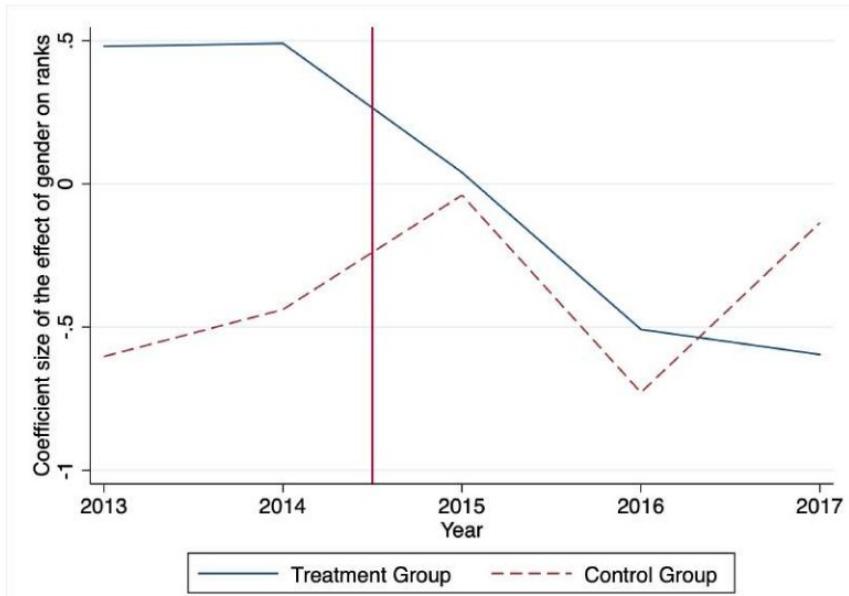




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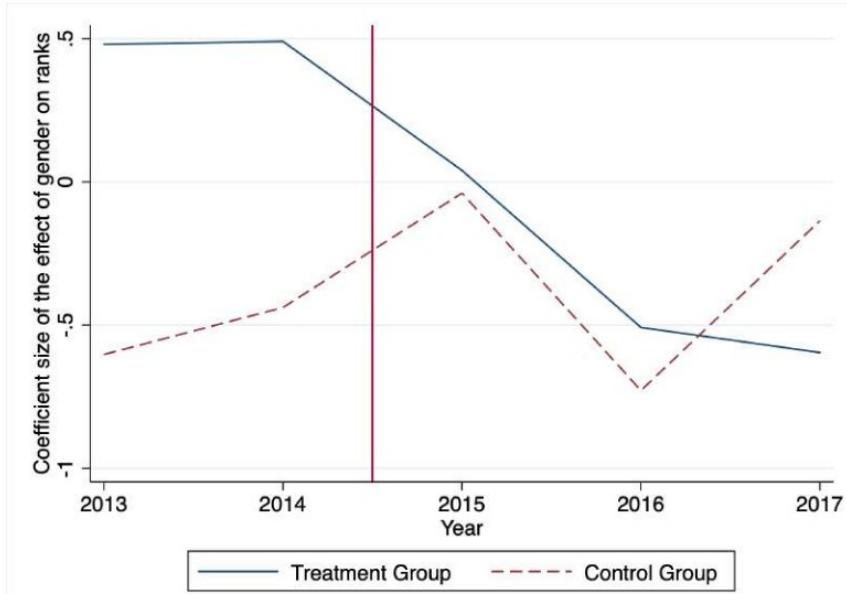
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« male evaluators become less favorable toward female candidates as soon as a female evaluator joins the committee »

(Bagues, Sylos-Labini, and Zinov'yeva 2017)



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In fact, it is often that our brains don't see some things (remember the previous illusion), and it can be very hard to finally see them. But, we need to see more things to unlock the final piece of the puzzle.

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The final piece of the puzzle

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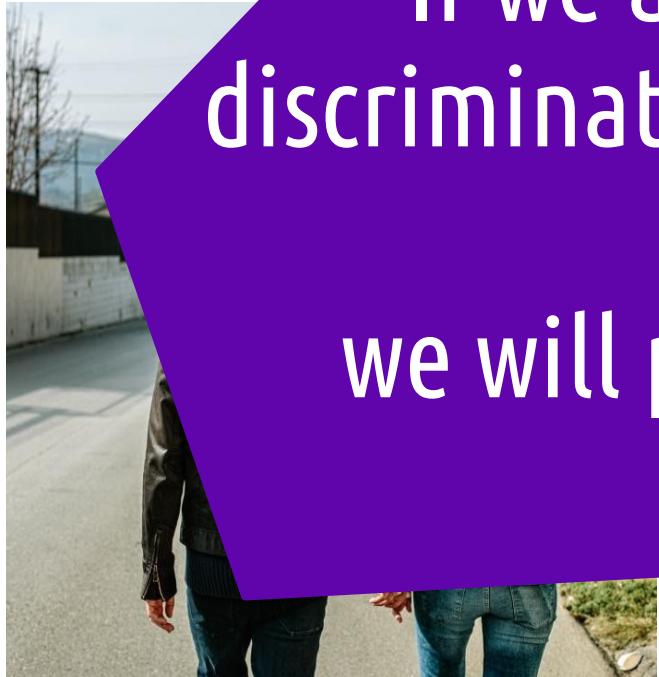
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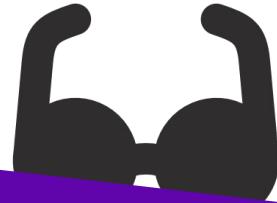


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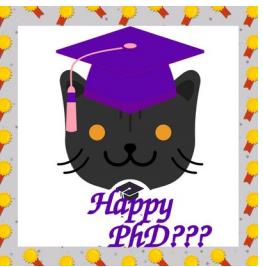


The final piece of the puzzle

If we are not the target of a
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we will probably **not even see it**



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Evidence 10: the omnipresent « invisible » phenomenon



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7 SCIENTIFIQUES sur 10
estiment qu'on ne parle pas assez des

violences sexistes et sexuelles
dans la recherche

pour 65%
D'ENTRE ELLES,

ce qu'elles ont vécu a eu un **IMPACT NÉGATIF** sur leur engagement dans la science et leur carrière.

1 victime sur 4 s'est sentie en danger sur son lieu de travail

2/3

DES PERSONNES INTERROGÉES regrettent

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Not Harassed
37.4%

All 3 Types
4.0%

Unwanted Sexual Attention
4.7%

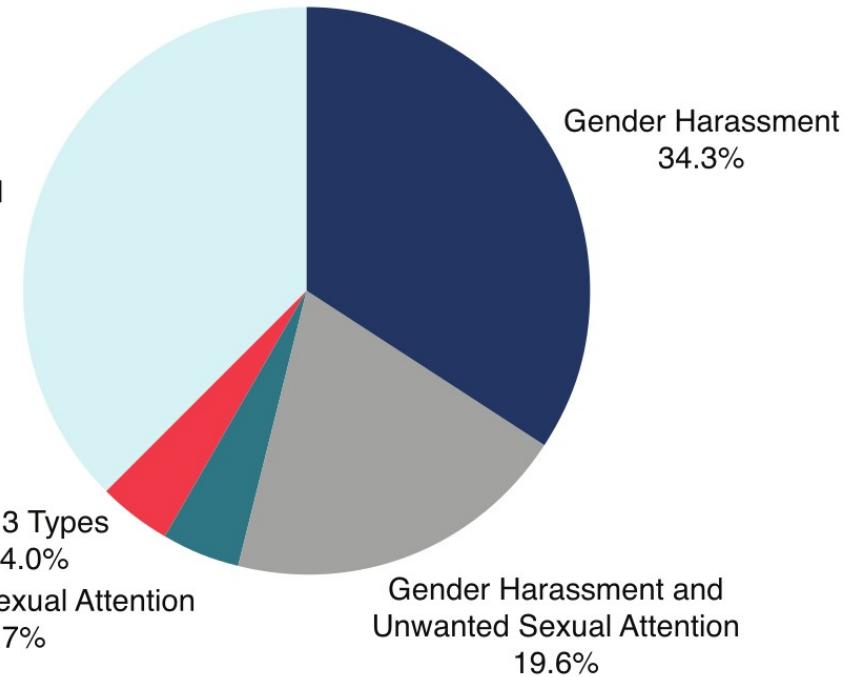
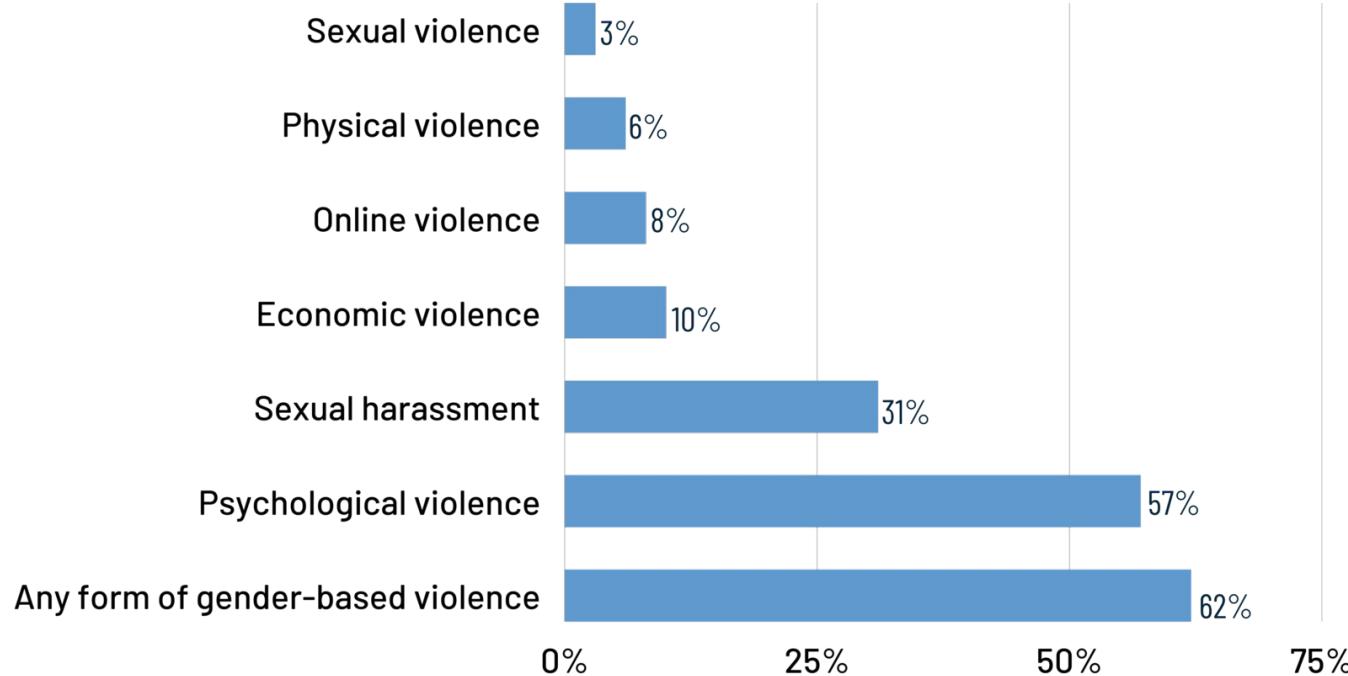


FIGURE 3-1 Percentage of types of sexual harassment experiences among female university employees.



Prevalence of any form of gender-based violence and by form of gender-based violence

Source of data: Lipinsky, Anke; Schredl, Claudia; Baumann, Horst; Humbert, Anne Laure; Tanwar, Jagriti; Bondestam, Fredrik; Freund, Frederike; Lomazzi, Vera (2022). UniSAFE Survey – Gender-based violence and institutional responses. GESIS - Leibniz Institut für Sozialwissenschaften. Data file Version 1.0.0, <https://doi.org/10.7802/2475>

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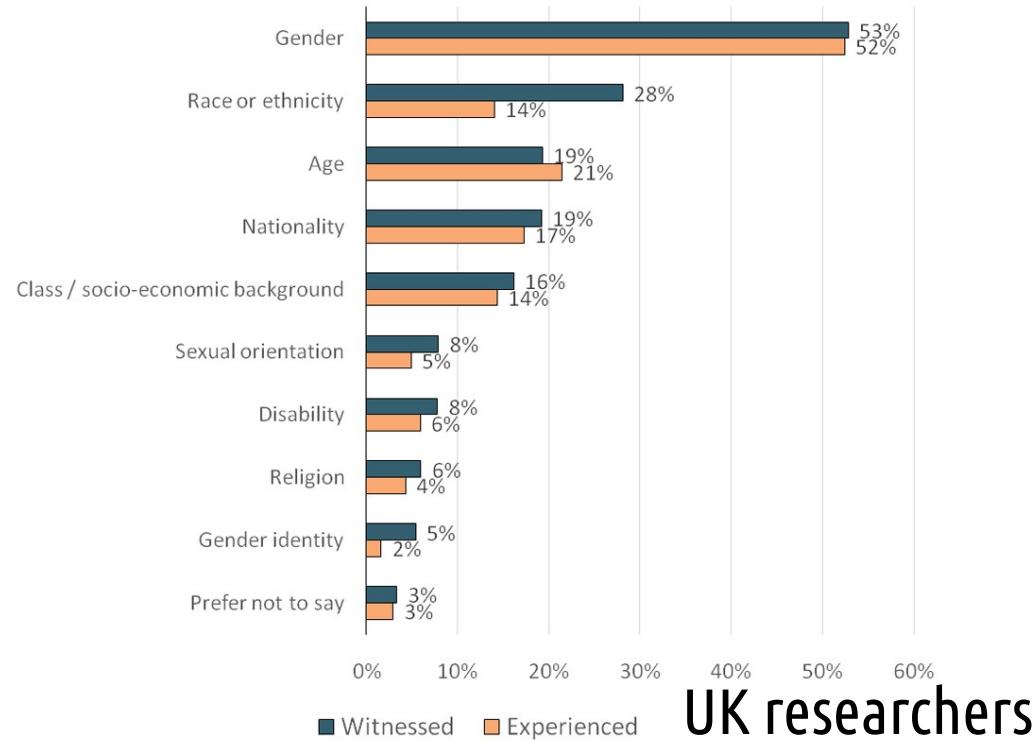


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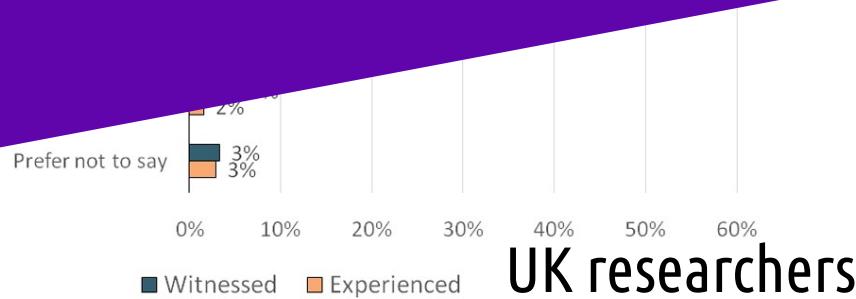


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Q: In cases where you have witnessed or experienced bullying and harassment, what gender did you think this behaviour related to...

Since their arrivals in french higher education, the share of students target of a sexual assault or rape, often reiterated, is :

- 24% of women
- 9% of men
- 33% of transgenders/non binaries/queers



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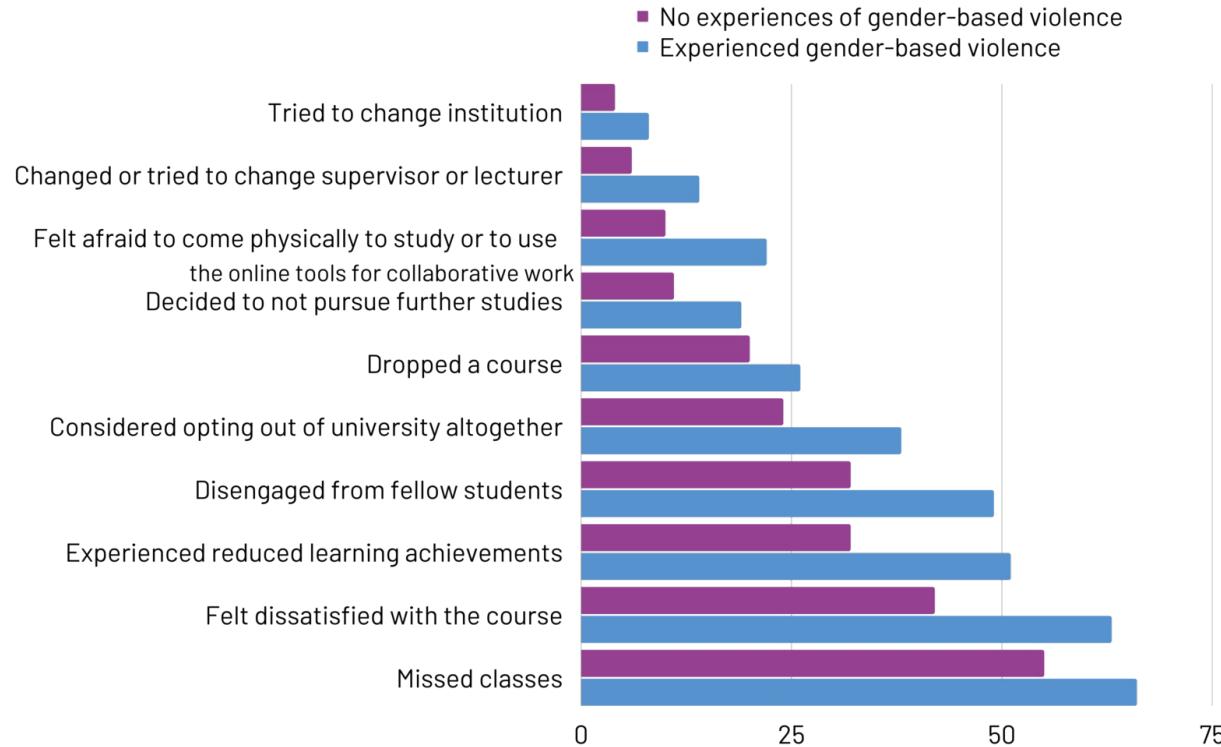
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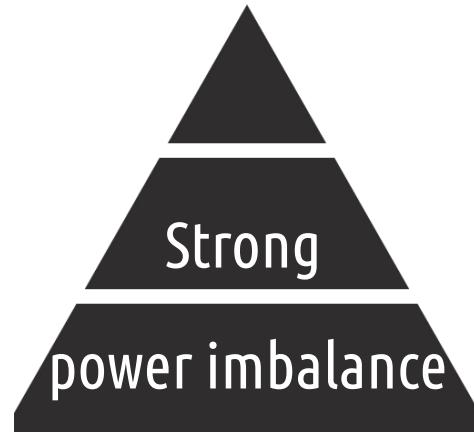
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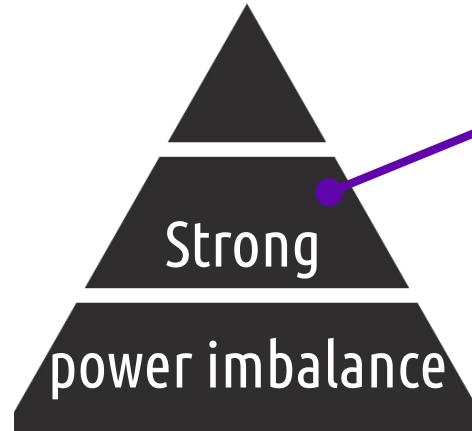
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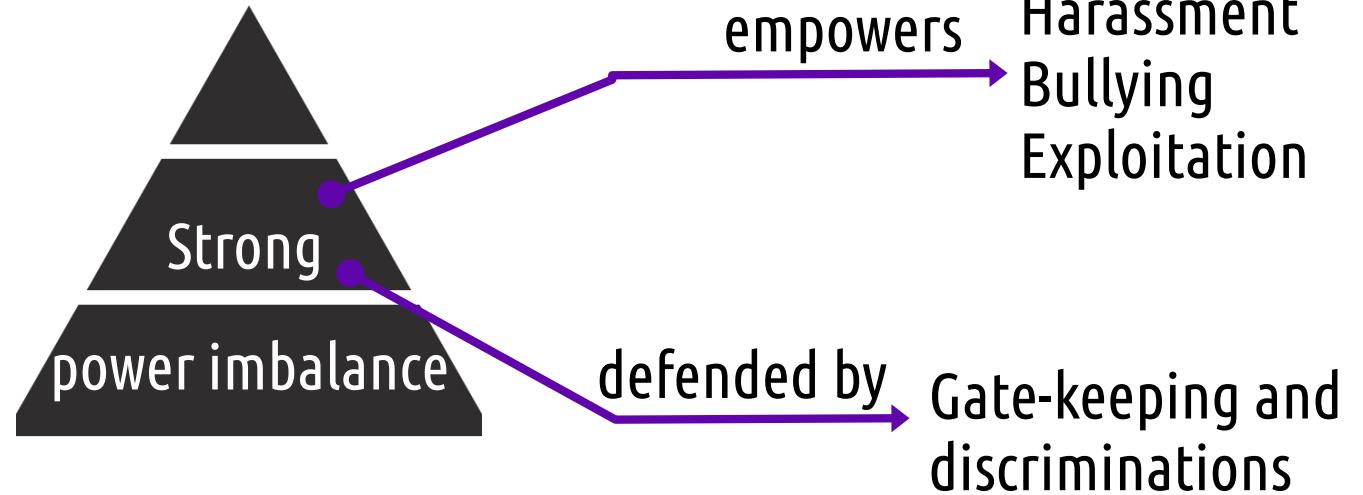
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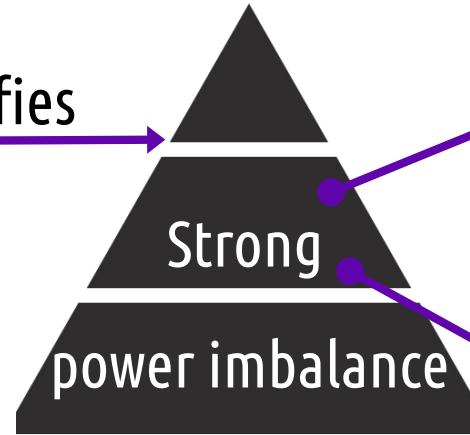
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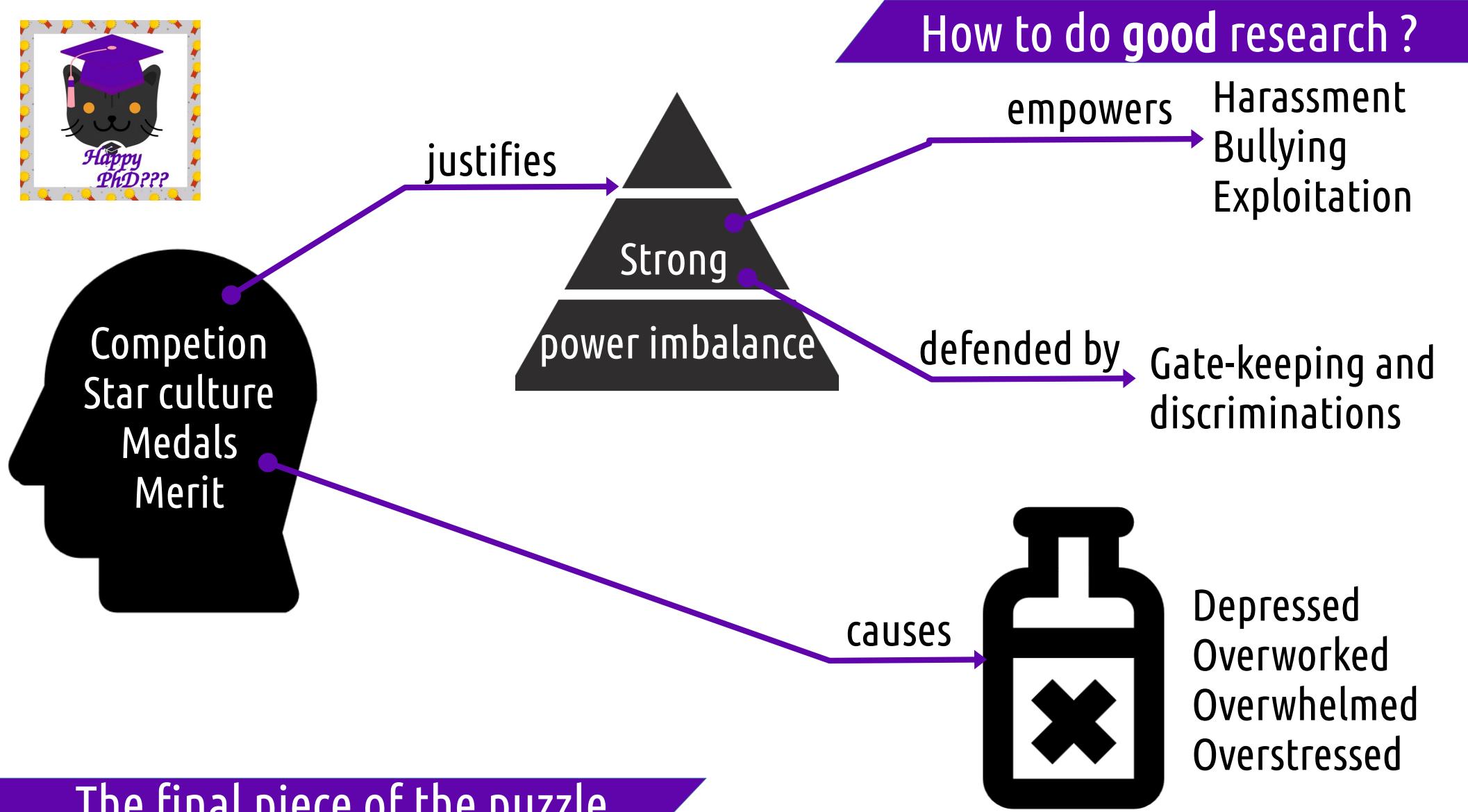


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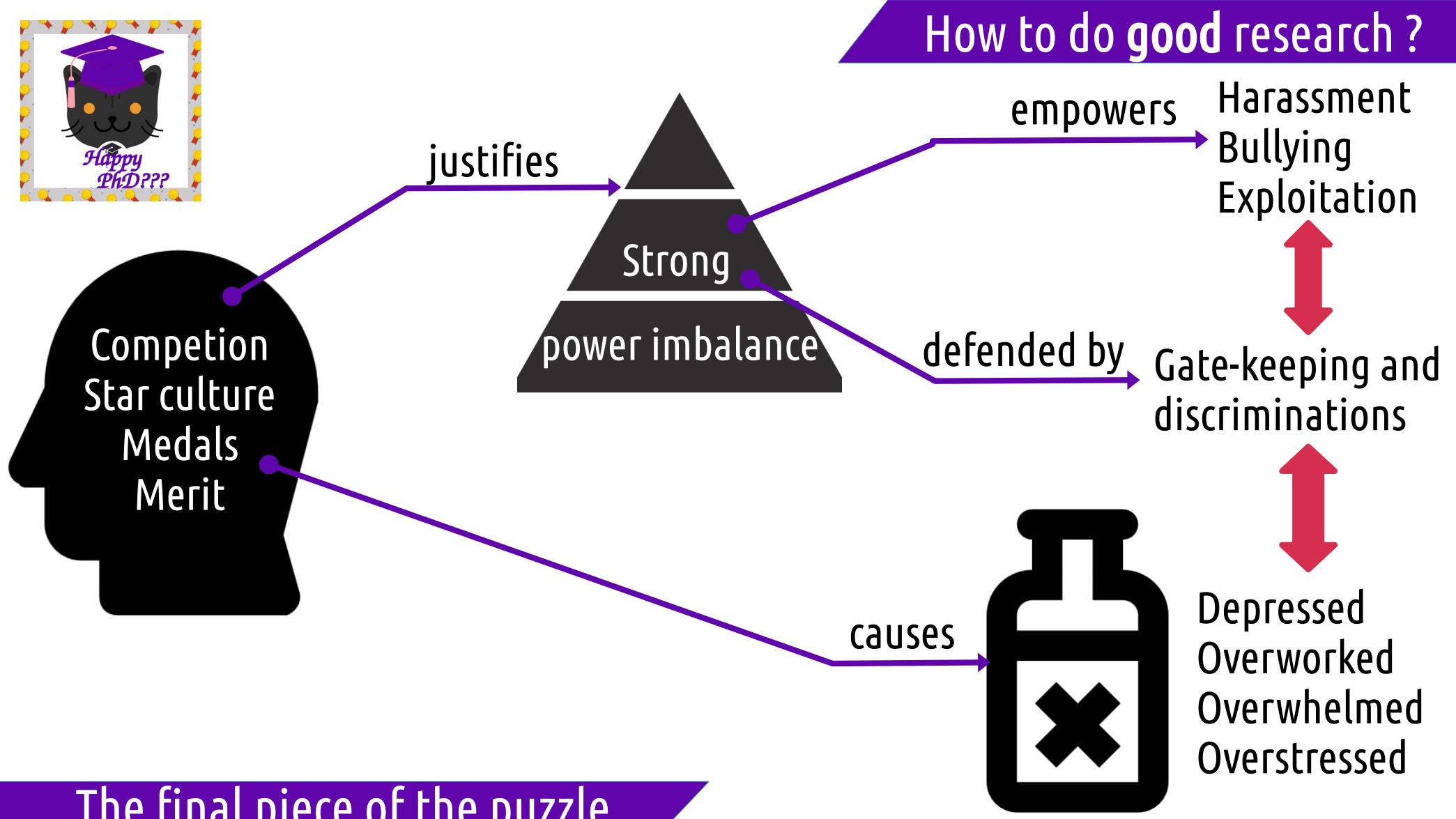
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First off, I find you morally dubious if you believe this, but ok, let's still be thorough.

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Practical answer:

A lack of diversity leads to biased and dangerous science :

- airbags systems have been designed historically for men body shapes, leading to **less chances for women to survive car crashes**
- **medicine is dosed for men**, with few women in cohorts (19% for antiviral, 38% for vaccines, 11% for aids)
- women have distinct symptoms sometimes – e.g. ventr syndrom for cardiovascular diseases, **women with such conditions have 10% more chances of dying** when arriving at the hospital.
- **LLM with racist or sexist bias**, now deployed in companies to filter CVs.



An answer accepting the bad « progress » premise:

Diversity breads innovation!

- publications by mixed-gender teams are more cited (Campbell et al. 2013)
- science by mixed-gender teams is significantly more novel and impactfull (Yang et al. 2022)
- diversity in inputs by author ethnicity, location, and references leads to greater contributions to science as measured by impact factors and citations. (Freeman and Huang 2015)
- diverse scholars are more innovative, but their work is taken up by others less than it should be (Hofstra et al. 2020)

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TIME TO ACT

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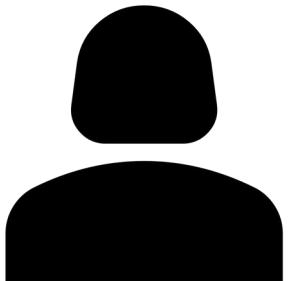
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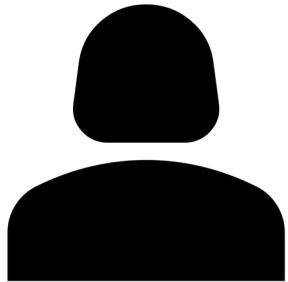
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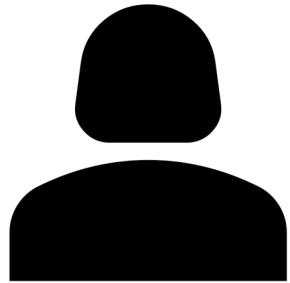
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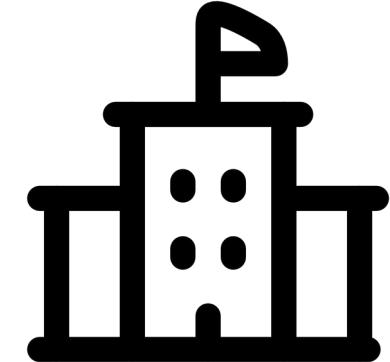
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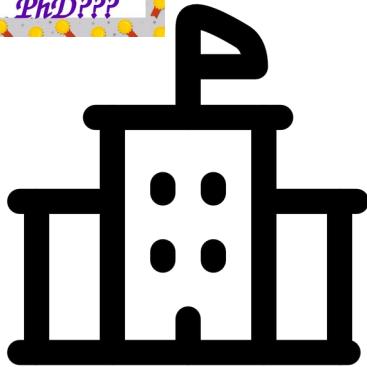


Fight harassment
Train employees
Improve the culture

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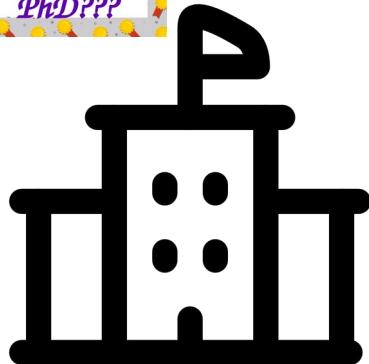
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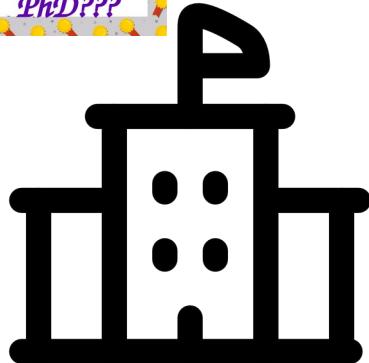


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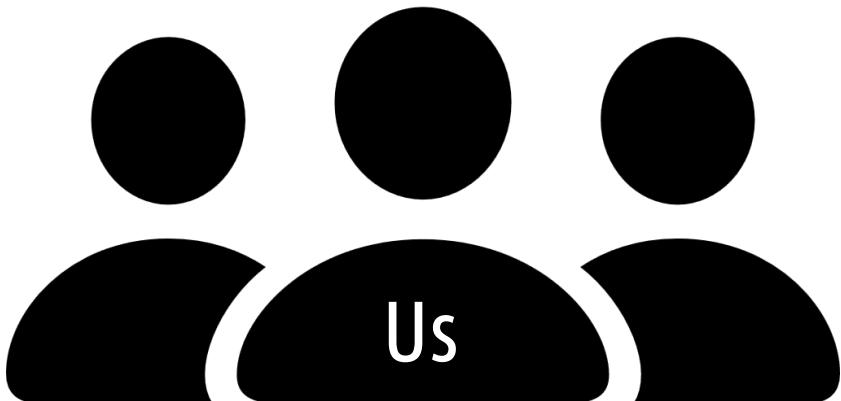
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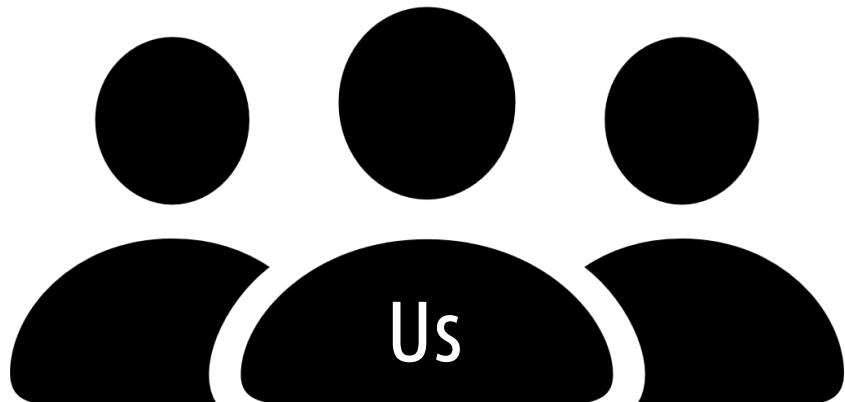
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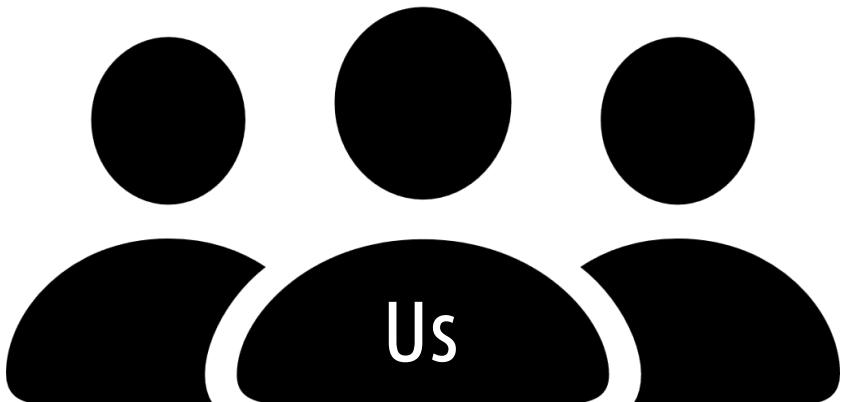
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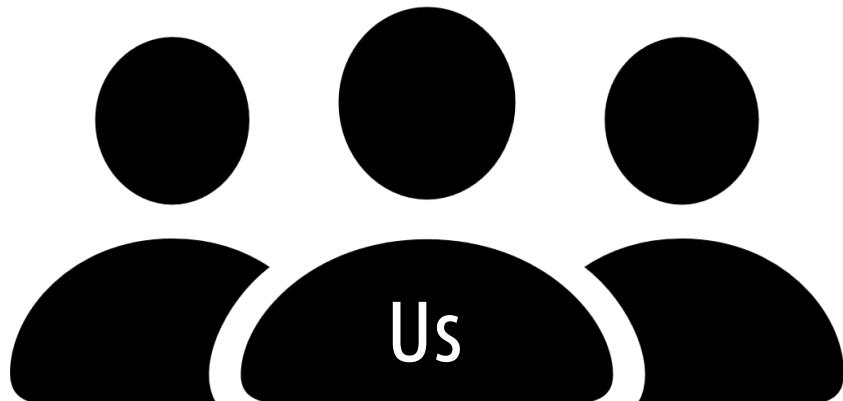
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« We need to focus on broad cultural change » (Johnson and Hoover 2015)



Step 1: be the bare minimal of reasonable human beings

The basics:

- As a general rule, don't touch or be very close to people at the workplace
- Don't comment on the physical appearance of people
- Avoid one on one meetings with subordinates outside of the workplace
- Don't try to date your students
- Don't ever say somebody does not belong here because of X or Y
- Don't make general comments about some group X having some supposed characteristics
- ...

How to do good research ?

Step 2: question the toxic culture, spread a better mentality



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Relieve the pressure :

- It's normal to not work outside of the office.
- It's normal if research is not my whole life.
- It's ok if I don't publish one more paper this year.
- It's ok if I go on long vacations.
- It's ok if I don't want to pursue research after my PhD.
- It's ok if I am not doing a permanent crunch.
- It's especially important not to be « brilliant »

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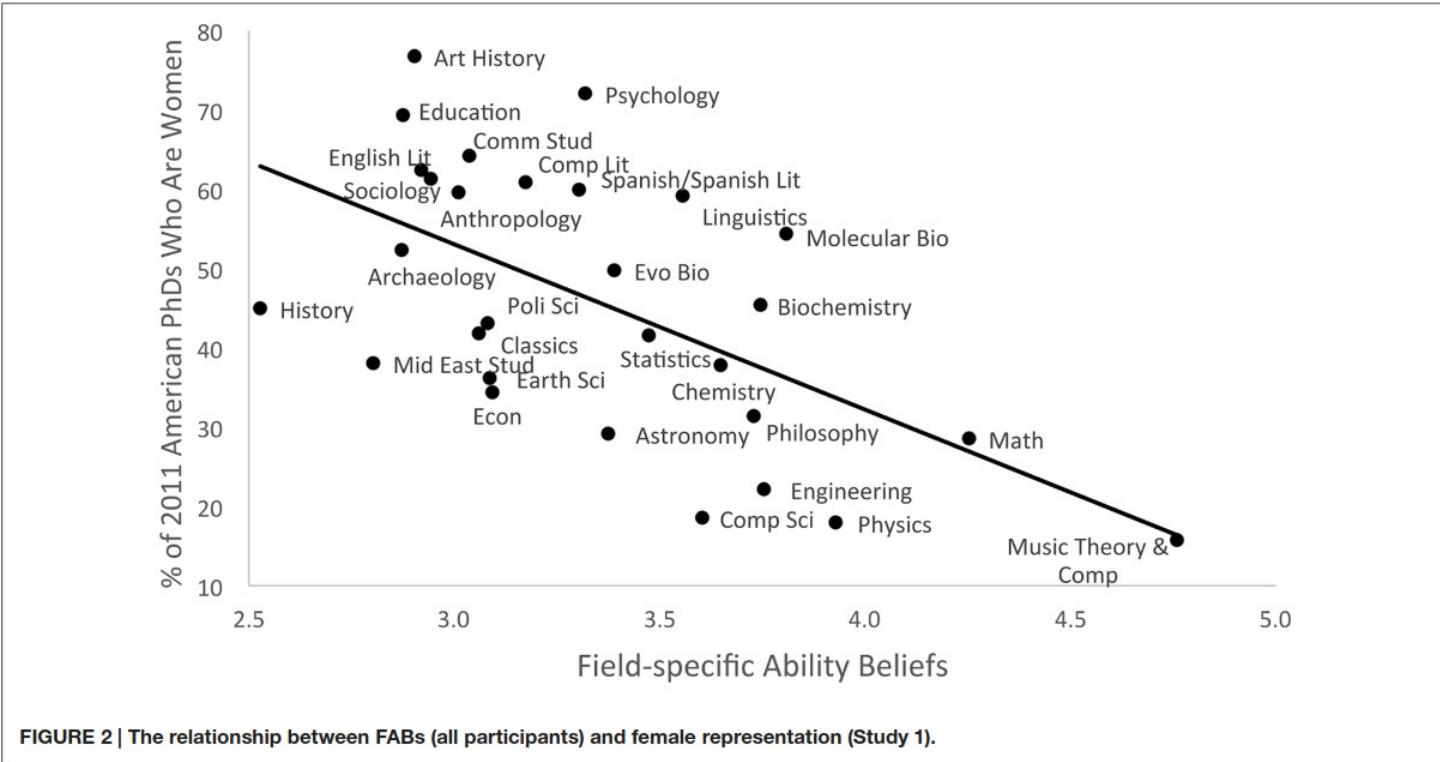
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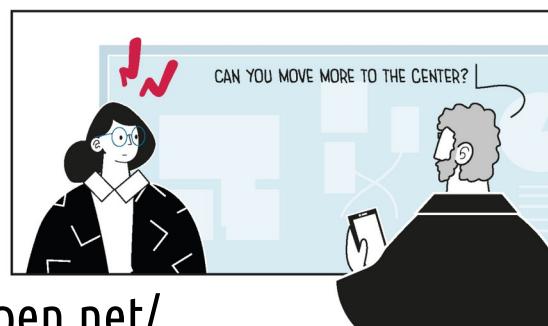
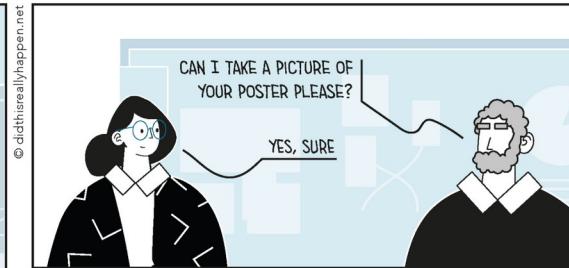
Step 3: face the facts, see what's happening

“The interview responses demonstrate that the **behavior of male colleagues**, whom higher-ranking faculty or administrators perceived as “superstars” in their particular substantive area, **was often minimized or ignored.**” (Benya, Widnall, and Johnson 2018)

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Step 4: recognize what is not acceptable



<https://didthisreallyhappen.net/>

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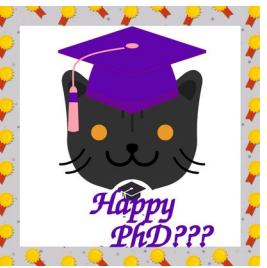
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FIGHT AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE IN ACADEMIA

The violence meter



TO KNOW MORE



Step 5: don't be a passive bystander



Step 5: don't be a

FIVE WAYS TO BE AN

2 DISTRACT



Interrupt by asking a question or starting a conversation. Try asking for directions or the time.

Best used when: You're unsure what the reaction might be to intervening directly.

4 DELAY



Check they're okay or if they need any help afterwards.

Best used when: You feel uncomfortable intervening at the time.



Only intervene if it's safe.

ACTIVE BYSTANDER

1 DIRECT



Call the person out for their behaviour and let them know it's not okay.

Best used when: Among friends or people you know.

3 DELEGATE



Ask someone else to help. This could be someone with authority or someone nearby.

Best used when: You need extra support.

5 DISAPPROVE



Send a clear signal you don't like what they're saying or doing. Try shaking your head or walking away.

Best used when: Among friends or people you know.

5Ds taken from Brook's Active Bystander Course for universities.
Find out more at brook.org.uk/bystander-training/

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& STEP IN

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« Quotas are unfair and break merit based hiring »

There is not merit currently...
(yeah, I won a race against people
carrying a 50kg backpack...)

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Who are you laughing with???

Act





Going further
at all levels, we can act, question, investigate, and do better



When advising

- Follow **mentoring trainings**, that do take into account power imbalance.
- Favor **co-supervision** rather than one-to-one.
- **Give ressources** to your students, on possible careers, local listeners.
- Be early on feedback and **don't impose any crunch**.
- **Feel responsible** (wich you legally are) for the wellbeing of your students.
- Emancipate students, **don't exploit** them.
- **Never forget the factual and huge power imbalance**

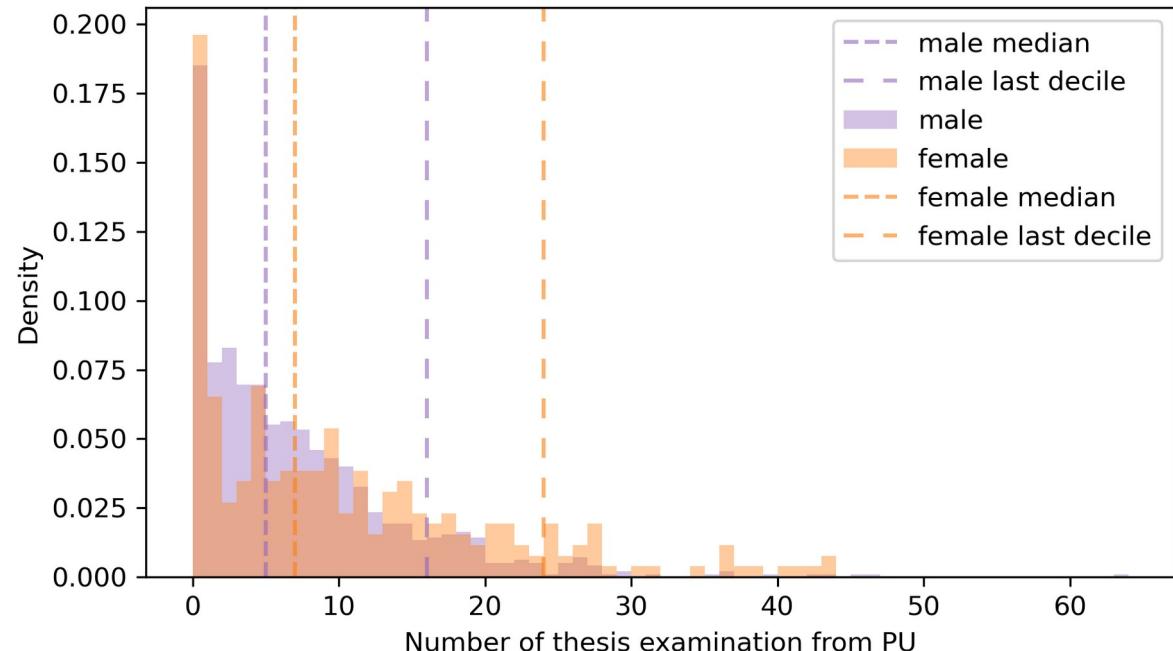
→ read the booklet from <https://not-in-our-labs.github.io/>



When advising

Density function for number of thesis examination from PU per person
Section cnu (27)

Dataset of 977 male vs 260 female (21% females), France, 2015 to 2025
Total of 6569 male thesis examination from PU vs 2577 female (28% females)
Anderson-Darling test with pvalue 0.00100
Female average 9.91, male average 6.72, f-h normalized difference : 43.1%



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Idea? - always include in your invitation mails for women : « If you have more than 2 or 3 thesis committees already planned this year, please decline this invitation. »



When having responsibilities - department/lab heads

- Frequent **climate surveys** update
- Include **within** the usual scientific seminar talks on this
(if in need of inspiration
<https://egalite-fh.irisa.fr/animation/seminaire-fifty-fifty/>)
- Impose mentoring training, diversity workshop, bystander training
- Reduce hierarchical structures, **diffuse power**
- Encourage **dedicated discussion groups** (women-only, LGBT groups,...)



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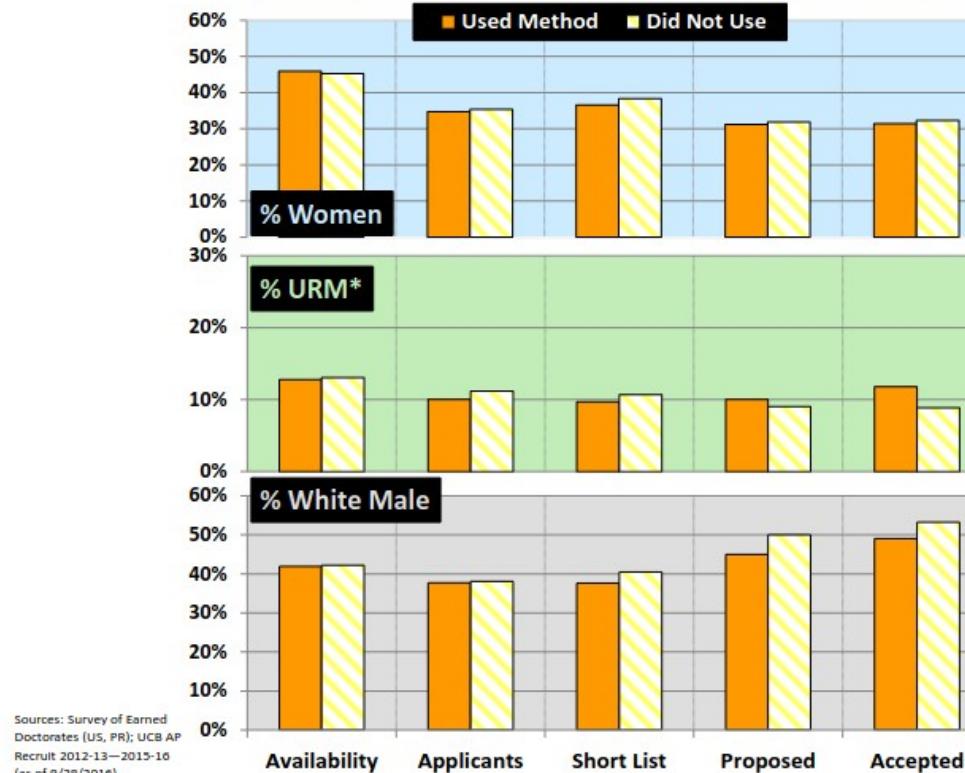
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Figure 20a: Supported faculty peer presentations...and discussions with hiring committees regarding faculty diversity and mitigating implicit associations.



Sources: Survey of Earned Doctorates (US, PR); UCB AP Recruit 2012-13—2015-16 (as of 9/28/2016).

*includes Afric. Am.,
Hisp., & Nat. Am.

of job searches: used meth., N=70; partial use, N=20; Did not use, N=130.

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When hiring



2017 → 2022
38% → 50%

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When hiring

Recruitment measures:

- clear goals in terms of diversity
- diversification of team leaders
- 2 day training on diversity for everybody, every year.
- minimal quota of 50% of women in postdoc hiring committees
- minimal quota of 50% of women on final postdoc listings



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Recruit

- more women in leadership roles
- more women in postdocs

22
0%



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It is important to recruit AND keep people, and women stay more in women lead teams.

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- no toxic culture
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Toxic culture vs inclusive culture



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When hiring – so many things to try and explore !

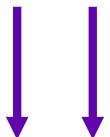
- have a women for president, but a men for the administrative part (to fight against Deschamps 2024)
- have clear goals and general agreement on diversity and discriminations. (Goulden et al. 2019)
- when possible, shape the job description to target diversity (Goulden et al. 2019)
- ask for CVs without dates, only experience lengths (Kristal et al. 2023) (Behavioural Insights Team 2021)
- agree before hands on criterion and use rubrics (but be careful, a rubric can in itself discriminate, if based on something unequally easy to do) (Culpepper et al. 2023) (Behavioural Insights Team 2021)
- have a jury member be responsible for highlightings whenever a new criterion appears or disappear.
- evaluate speech time repartition in jurys? (<http://arementalkingtoomuch.com/>) It is an objective feedback that everybody can take home and reflect on, but also a lacking data point.
- for people who will be teaching, include a question on what they would do in front of a discrimination: 'A bachelor male student does not want to do a group project with a female, stating that women are bad at computer science, how do you answer them?' (aiming for skill-based evaluation and awareness of those issue (Behavioural Insights Team 2021))



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Competition, Star Culture, Power imbalance
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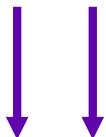
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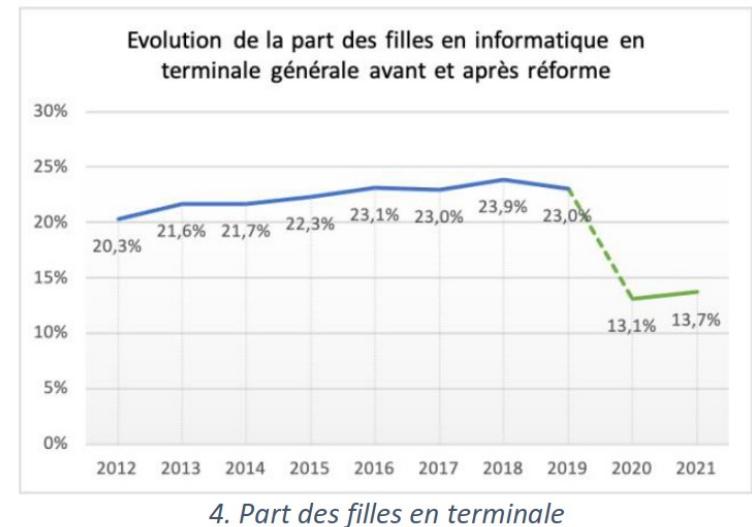


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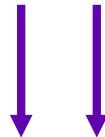




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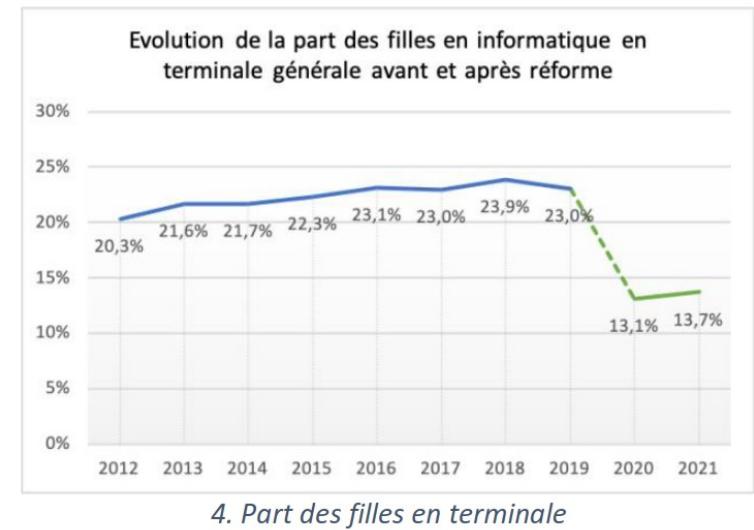
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But, we are researchers. So, let's be researchers. Let's solve this problem!

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